

Amity officials outline industrial-park plans for county planners

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The Berks County Planning Commission heard a presentation Wednesday afternoon from Amity Township officials on a proposed industrial park to be located on 600 acres north of Limekiln Road.

Township Manager Charles E. Lyon said the township has hired Spotts, Steven & McCoy Inc. of Wyomissing as consultants to look at environmental issues, lay out a master plan and help create proper zoning.

The township said it was not looking for any action from the planning commission, but wanted to alert the board about what was being planned.

Lyon said the township met with the county commissioners last week to do the same thing.

The planning commission liked the concept but said it is inconsistent with the county's comprehensive plan because the land is zoned rural conservation.

Township officials said their first step is to have the land rezoned to light industrial.

Amity Supervisor Robert R. Yanos said the plan would provide a balanced tax base for the township and the Daniel Boone School District and would eliminate the possibility of new residential development on the land.

The planning commission also voted to support updated sewer plans for Amity and Lower Heidelberg townships.

The Amity plan calls for spending \$9.6 million to expand and upgrade the wastewater treatment plant.

The Lower Heidelberg plan addresses two areas of the township that do not have access to public sewers.

The first area is in the southwest portion of the township at the Valley View Mobile Home Park. Connecting the area to the public sewer system is estimated to cost \$552,806.

The second is along Knollwood Drive and Faust Road in the eastern portion of the township. Connecting it to public sewers is expected to cost \$695,000.

The planning commission said both plans are consistent with the county's comprehensive plan.

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